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Dear Mr Forsberg,

The European Commission is grateful for the reply of the Swedish Parliament to its Green Paper "The interconnection of business registers" {COM(2009)614}.

The issues at stake are important. To bring more transparency into the market will help restore the confidence that was partly lost in this crisis. An improved access to company information will also enable citizens to make informed decisions. But facilitating access to information on companies across borders also improves the position of other stakeholders, such as employees, shareholders and creditors. It gives administrations a tool to have a better understanding of the cross-border linkages of companies. And then there is the non-negligible aspect that more efficient cross-border cooperation between the business registers themselves fosters a smooth functioning of the Single Market and significantly reduces the costs for companies operating across the border between Member States.

As you are aware, the Commission asked Member States, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and all other interested parties to submit their views on the suggestions set out in this Green Paper. The Commission intends to establish a broad consensus on any measures that could be envisaged. Sweden has been on the forefront of the developments in the field. This is why your reply is a crucial element in our analysis.

After careful examination of all the replies received, the Commission will publish a report before the summer describing the main outcome of the consultation process. Subsequently and on the basis of this report, the Commission will decide on possible future initiatives.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General of the Riksdag